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For:

OPTICAL DEVICE AND OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE

REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment

P.O. Box 1450 Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2009 ("Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following Remarks.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper, and refer to three sheets of replacement drawings which follow in the Appendix included with this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. If an extension of time is necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Applicant believes that no further fees are required at this time. Any fees required for further extensions of time and any fees for the net addition of claims are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 14-0112.